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## CATEGORICAL DETERMINATIONS

The State makes the following advanced group determinations by category.

- 1. An advanced group determination that nursing facility services are needed but the determination that specialized services are not needed requires more extensive evaluation by the State mental health or mental retardation authorities are:
  - a. Convalescent care from an acute physical illness which requires hospitalization and does not meet criteria for an exempt hospital discharge.
  - b. Terminal illness where the individual has a life expectancy of six months or less as documented by a physician.
  - c. Severe physical illness, e.g. COPD, CHF, Parkinson's Disease, Huntington's Chorea in their acute or severe stages; coma; amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; ventilator dependency; and brain stem level functioning.
- 2. Advance group determinations that nursing facility services are needed and specialized services are not needed are:
  - a. Provisional admissions pending further assessment in cases of delirium where an accurate diagnosis cannot be made until the delirium clears, not to exceed seven days; and
  - b. Provisional admissions pending further assessment in emergency situations requiring protective services with placement in a nursing facility not to exceed seven days; and
  - c. Very brief and finite stays of up to 30 consecutive days in one calendar year to provide respite to in-home care givers to whom the individual with MI or MR is expected to return following the brief nursing facility stay.
- 3. Individuals with dementia which exists in combination with mental retardation or a related condition do not need specialized services.